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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT FROM TURKISH PRESIDENT KORUTURK

1. FYI, FOLLOWING CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT KORUTURK WAS CONVEYED TO DEPARTMENT JULY 2 BY TURKISH EMBASSY:

BEGIN TEXT: ON THE HAPPY OCCASION OF THE TWO HUNDRETH (SIC) ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I AM PLEASED TO CONVEY TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, AND TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, ON BEHALF OF THE TURKISH PEOPLE AND ON MY OWN BEHALF, MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS AND MY BEST WISHES FOR A PEACEFUL AND PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

ALL THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAVE OBSERVED WITH GREAT ADMIRATION THE IMPRESSIVE ACHIEVEMENTS REACHED BY THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN EVERY FIELD OF THE HUMAN ENDEAVORS DURING  
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THE PAST TWO HUNDRED YEARS.

ON THE OTHER HAND, I AM CONVINCED THAT YOUR COUNTRY WILL  
CONTINUE TO FURTHER ITS EFFORTS IN CONTRIBUTING TO THE  
STRENGTHENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY.

I AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS MY EARNEST  
HOPE THAT THE RELATIONS OF FRIENDSHIP AND ALLIANCE BETWEEN  
TURKEY AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL BE FURTHER  
DEVELOPED IN THE INTEREST OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

SIGNED FAHRI S. KORUTURK, PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
TURKEY. END TEXT.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT FORD SHOULD BE DE-  
LIVERED TO PRESIDENT KORUTURK:

BEGIN TEXT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, MRS. FORD  
AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MOST WELCOME MESSAGE OF GOOD  
WISHES ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF  
OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE.

AS WE ENTER OUR THIRD CENTURY, THE UNITED STATES REDEDICATES  
ITSELF IN WORD AND DEED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LIBERTY,  
EQUALITY AND INDIVIDUAL DIGNITY. WE DO SO WITH THE ANTI-  
CIPATION AND CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR COUN-  
TRIES WILL CONTINUE TO FLOURISH.

SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. END TEXT.

3. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO. KISSINGER

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